

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you as a concerned taxpayer and registered Connecticut voter. I strongly oppose, all of the proposals that put further restrictions, of any kind on legal firearms owners, or infringe on the United States Constitution. Legal firearms owners should not be punished due to one deranged individuals actions.

Legal firearms owners are not the concern of this committee. The focus for this committee is to find a better way to prosecute those who ignore the law and hurt others in our society. The proposed laws to restrict firearms in Connecticut will only lead to making current owner's criminals. These new laws will not stop those who wish to infringe on the safety of others.

In my opinion, our justice system is failing more than the current state firearm laws. We need to do away with plea bargains and reduced jail time. We need a set level of justice that gives mandatory incarceration time for set crimes. If more prisons need to be built to accommodate this action so be it. We also need to bring back and use the death penalty. I truly believe in an eye for an eye. Since the state of Connecticut likes to lead the way this is how the death penalty should be used. You get one trial if you are found guilty you get one appeal within one year. If you lose this appeal you are executed within five days.

We were all touched by the tragedy in Newtown, but we cannot solve any problems with a knee jerk reaction to such a tragedy. You should also not be influenced by a community that is in mourning, as our state has more than one town. Remember you are in a position to represent ALL residents of Connecticut.

In closing, I would like to inform you that I send my entire family into schools Monday through Friday. I have two children that attend school in North Haven and my wife is a teacher in a school only miles from Sandy Hook Elementary School. Their safety is my number one priority. So, I would ask that this committee collectively introduce ways to protect ALL residents of Connecticut without infringing on law abiding firearms owners or the United States Constitution.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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